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News Summary:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Elm Grove attorney Mark A. Phillips was charged this week in federal court with tax evasion. Phillips (DOB: 1/6/49) was charged with attempting to evade the payment federal taxes he owed for the years 1995 through 1998. These taxes totaled approximately \$90,000. According to the charge, during the period from March, 1999 through September, 2000, Phillips converted \$125,000 that he had received from a third party into 18 cashier's checks. Phillips later negotiated the cashier's checks using his client trust account and a bank account maintained by his wife and then used the funds to pay personal expenses instead of his outstanding tax liability.

If convicted, Phillips faces a maximum possible penalty of up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.

This case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Jacobs for prosecution.

The public is cautioned that an information is merely the formal method of bringing charges and does not represent any evidence of an individual's guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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